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SUBJ: MONTHLY US BUSINESS VISITORS REPORT: MAY

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1. SUMMARY. DURING THE LAST MONTH US CORPORATIONS MADE MAJOR SALES OF DRILL RIG MOVING EQUIPMENT, VIDEO TAPE RECORDERS AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PEKING PETROCHEMICAL PLANT. THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE SALES IS IN EXCESS OF \$10 MILLION. THESE CONTRACTS REPRESENT THE FIRST SIGNIFICAN INCREASE IN US SALES SINCE THE SUMMER OF LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION, A VARIETY OF US COMPANIES WERE IN PEKING DISCUSSING THE SALE OF PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT, OIL DRILLING RIGS, AND MACHINERY. END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE THE CANTON FAIR ATTRACTED OVER 600 US BUSINESS VISITORS (REF A), MANY OTHERS VISITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEKING FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS.
US EXPORTERS WERE IN PARTICULAR PROMINENCE
AND ALL SAY THEY HAVE FOUND STRONG INTEREST
BY THE FOREIGN TRADE CORPORATIONS IN US
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY. THERE IS A SENSE
AMONG MANY OF THE EXPORTERS THAT PROSPECTS
FOR SALES TO CHINA ARE BETTER NOW THAN THEY

HAVE BEEN AT ANY TIME IN THE LAST YEAR. THE NUMBER OF LARGE-VALUE CONTRACTS RECENTLY CONCLUDED INDICATES THAT THE PRC IS IN FACT ONCE AGAIN READY TO STEP UP ITS FOREIGN PURCHASES

3. THELARGEST CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA (AMOCO) FOR \$6.75 MILLION FOR TECHNOLOGY TO BE USED BY AN FRG COMPANY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEREPHTHALLIC ACID PLANT AT THE PEKING PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX (REF B). THIS IS THE SECOND LARGE SALE BY STANDARD OIL TO THE PRC. THE COMPANY HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED THE TECHNOLOGY FOR A POLYPROPYLENE PLANT AT THE TA CHING PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX.

4. IN ITS FIRST SALE TO THE PRC, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, REPRESENTED BY R.J. MCMENAMIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF OVERSEAS OPERATIONS, SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR THREE SETS OF DRILL RIG MOVING EQUIPMENT VALUED AT \$2.5 MILLION. MCMENAMIN SEES THE SALE AS A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH FOR THE COMPANY AND HOPES THAT IT WILL LEAD TO SALES IN OTHER FIELDS.

5. MATTHEW MCGILLICUS
GKOF AMPEX INTERNATIONAL
DIVISION CONCLUDED THE SALE OF \$1.4 MILLION OF
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VIDEO RSI RECORDERS. THESE TWO SETS BRING TO SEVENTEEN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MO VXQAVR-2

RECORDERS SO FAR SOLD BY AMPEX. MCGILLICUDDY SAID HE EXPECTS NO EXPORT LICENSING PROBLEMS. IT APPEARS

THAT THE RECORDERS WILL BE
USED TO TAPE ALL PROGRAMS IN PEKING FOR
DISTRIBUTION TO TV BROADCASTING STATIONS
THROUGHOUT CHINA. IN THE SAME WAY THAT "PEOPLE'S
DAILY" IS SET UP IN PEKING AND THE MATS
DISTRIBUTED TO THE PROVINCES.

6. WHILE IN PEKING, MCGILLICUDDY TALKED WITH THE EXHIBITION DEPAARTMENT OF THE CCPIT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AMPEX HOLDING A SOLO EXHIBITION IN SEPTEMBER. HE HAD IN MIND EXHIBITING THE LATEST MODELS OF A WIDE

VARIETY OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, HE EXPECTS SOME EXPORT CONTROL LICENSING PROBLEMS.

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7. INGERSOLL-RAND HAS BEEN INVOLVED FOR THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS IN DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS FOR A \$3 MILLION POWER RECOVERY SYSTEM AT THE SHANGHAI PETROCHEMICAL PLANT. ACCORDING TO COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TOME FENEMOR OF THE HONG KONG OFFICE, THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO USE THE WASTE HEAT OF FLUE GAS FOR POWER GENERATION. INGERSOLL-RAND HAS BEEN REPRESENTED BY S.S. WANG OF INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION OF AMERICA.

8. A DELEGATION FROM BOEING VISITED PEKING FOR SEVERAL DAYS FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS. WILLIAM HAMILTON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SAID THAT THE VISIT WAS MAINLY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE CHINESE OFFICIALS. BOEING DOES NOT EXPECT TO SELL ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN A MEETING WITH CCPIT CHAIRMAN WANG YAO-TING, HAMILTON POINTED OUT THE HIGH COST PER PASSENGER MILE OF THE CONCORDE AS COMPARED WITH BOEING'S 707 OR 747. WANG SAID THAT HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD BEEN ON A CONCORDE AND DID NOT LIKE THE CRAMPED AND CROWDED INTERIOR. HE WAS GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE IN HIS COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLANE AND LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT CHINA WILL NOT EXERCISE ITS OPTION FOR PURCHASE.

9. AL JOSEPH OF IBM VISITED PEKING TO WORK
ON PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE IBM COMPUTER
SOLD TO THE PRC EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE
REQUIRED END-USE STATEMENT HAS BEEN FURNISHED,
BUT ONLY AFTER IBM RECEIVED A ONE HOUR LECTURE
ON RESTRICTIIONS IMPOSED BY US EXPORT CONTROL
REGULATIONS. JOSEPH EXPECTED TO BE
JOINED BY OTHERS FROM THE COMPANY EARLY IN JUNE.

10. DRESSER ATLAS EXPORT SALES, A DIVISION OF DRESSER INDUSTRIES, PRESENTED A TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM ON OILFIELD EQUIPMENT, WITH EMPHASIS ON DRILLING BITS. DISCUSSIONS WERE ALSO HELD ON THE DELIVERY OF OIL WELL LOGGINGEQUIPMENT PREVIOUSWW SOLD TO CHINA. ROBERT BRIMBERRY TOLD US THAT HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO TALK WITH END-USERS FROM TACHING WHO HAVE SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN DRESSER DRILLING EQUIPMENT. MEMBERS OF THEDRESSER TEAM VISITED TACHING AT THE END OF THEIR TALKS.

11. THE CHINESE OCEAN SHIPPING CORPORATION HOSTED TWO US FIRMS DURING MAY. SAVINELLI AND GUIDICE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DREW CHEMICAL CORPORATION, AFTER MAKING SMALL PURCHASES OF CHEMICALS IN PEKING AND CANTON, CAME TO PEKING TO DISCUSS WITH COSCO AN EXPANSION OF THE SALE OF DREW CHEMICAL MARINE PRODUCTS TO COSCO SHIPS AT PORTS WORLDWIDE. DREW BEGAN SUPPLYING SHIPS OF THE CANTON BRANCH A YEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND A HALF AGO. GUIDICE PROPOSED TO COSCO THAT DREW ALSO SUPPLY SHIPS FROM THE SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, AND TALIEN BRANCHES, BUT COSCO HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE PROPOSAL.

12. L.J. VENATOR AND BOG MACGREGOR OF ITT FAR EAST AND PACIFIC WERE ALSO IN PEKING IN EARLY MAY AS PART OF A COSCO SPONSORED TOURIST GROUP. VENATOR WAS ATTEMPTING TO DO LEGAL

RESEARCH IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMPLEX CONTRACTS THAT WILL BE NECESSARY SHOULD ITT BE SUCCESSFUL IN ITS LONG RANGE GOAL OF SELLING THE PRC LARGE SCALE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. SHOULD SUCH A SALE TAKE PLACE, THE MAJOR SUPPLIER WOULD PRESUMABLY BE BTM, ITT'S BELGIAN SUBSIDIARY.

13. WELLMAN, INC. WAS REPRESENTED BY ERNEST WRIGHT AND ALAN FARAGO, WHO WERE HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE TEXTILE CORPORATION. THEY WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING RAILROAD TRACK LAYING EQUIPMENT. THEY TOLD US THAT THEY PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO VIETNAM ON MAY 28 AT THE INVITATION OF THE VIETNAMESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. THEY PLANNED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF BOTH BUYING AND SELLING.

14. WJS WAS REPRESENTED BY JAMES CHEN WHO CAME TO PEKING AFTER THE CANTON FAIR. CHEN HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SALE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF US MACHINE TOOLS.

15. ROBERT M. LEE OF HUNTING WORLD AND ORIENT EXPRESS VISITED PEKING TO BUY BAMBOO, LAQUER, CHINAWARE, AND CLOISONNE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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16. THOMAS POPE, VICE PRESIDENT OF BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, VISITED PEKING AS THE PERSONAL GUEST OF AN AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DIPLOMAT. HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN HIS ATTEMPT TO CALL GE BANK OF CHINA OFFICIALS.

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